

Sub F1 E2
2. (Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1 wherein said removal of insoluble components is by centrifugation.~~

Sub F1 E3
4. (Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1 further comprising heating at about 100°C during said acid treatment.~~

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16. (Amended) A method for producing a peptidoglycan extract from bacteria comprising:
heating a Gram positive bacteria in a solution comprising water and acid, wherein said solution is substantially free of added raffinose and added enzymes, and wherein said solution has a final pH of less than 6.8;
removing insoluble particles from the solution resulting from said heating; and
adjusting the pH of the remaining solution to about 7.0 obtaining thereby an immune stimulating composition.

17. (Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein said heating is at a final pH of about 2.0.

Please add the following new claims:

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22. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of less than 6.0.
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23. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of less than 5.0.
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24. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of less than 4.0.
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25. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of less than 3.0.
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26. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of less than 2.0.
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27. The method of claim 1 wherein said acid treatment has a final pH of about 2.0.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain presented for examination. Claims 22-27 have been added. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her examination of the pending claims.

Discussion of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being vague and indefinite in the recitation of "removing large cellular components". In response to the Examiner's comments, the language "large cellular" in Claim 1 has been replaced with the